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TAGS: PFOR, EEC, GW

SUBJECT: EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AT VENICE:

A GERMAN VIEW

SUMMARY. FRG SAYS PLO PARTICIPATION FORMULA IN EURO-ARAB
DIALOGUE UNCHANGED. FRG INTERESTED IN PRESSING AHEAD ON
EC INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS AND COORDINATION OF DETENTE
POLICY. END SUMMARY.

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2. FONOFF (GABLENTZ) GAVE US A READ OUT ON SEPTEMBER 18

OF THE VENICE MEETING OF THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS. HIS BRIEFING PARALLELED REPORTING BY EMBASSY ROME AND USEC, BUT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE OF INTEREST.

3. EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. THE EC HAS PROPOSED CONTINUING THE DIAIGUE BY EITHER HOLDING A THIRD MEETING ON THE EXPERT LEVEL OR PROGRESSING TO A MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMISSION (FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL). THE ARABS HAVE NOT REPLIED TO THIS PROPOSAL. THE QUESTION OF PLO PARTICIPATION ARISES ONLY IF THE ARABS WANT TO PROCEED TO A MEETING OF TH GENERAL COMMISSION. AT VENICE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED THAT THEY WOULD USE THE SAME FORMULA (DENATIONALIZED DELEGATIONS) IF THE ARABS CHOOSE TO GO THE GENERAL COMMISSION ROUTE. GENSCHER PROPOSED AT VENICE THAT THE DIALOGUE BE WIDENED TO INCLUDE SUCH TOPICS AS THE WESTERN INTERPRETATION OF CSCE. HOWEVER, SINCE THIS PROPOSAL WAS ROUNDLY DENOUNCED BY ALL HIS COLLEAGUES, GENSCHER HAS DROPPED IT.

4. STATEMENT ON THE NEAR EAST. GABLENTZ SAID THAT THE 1973 LANGUAGE HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN BY BILATERAL STATEMENTS MADE BY VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE NINE TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT NEW LANGUAGE SHOULD BE DRAFTED FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING.

5. CYPRUS. GABLENTZ CONFIRMED THAT FRG INTEREST IN PURSUING THE EC CYPRUS INITIATIVE REMAINS HIGHFA GIT IS BASED ON THE CONVICTION THAT THE EC HAS MUCH LEVERAGE ON GREECE AND TURKEY AND SHOULD USE IT IN THE COMMON INTEREST OF THE EC AND NATO. THE GELAANS WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE THEIR BILATERAL EFFORTS WITH TURKEY AND GREECE (ARMS SUPPLY FOR EXAMPLE) FOLDED INTO A EUROPEAN CONTEXT.

6. CSCE FOLLOW-UP. ACCORDING TO GABLENTZ, THE FRG IS THE PRIME MOVER IN THE EC FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE EC MACHINERY FOR CONSULTATION ON CSCE TOPICS. IN FACT, THE FRG WANTS TO SEE THIS ROLE WIDENED TO INCLUDE COORDINATION ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS IN GENERAL. THE FRENCH HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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BEEN DRAGGING THEIR FEET, BUT THE MINISTERS AGREED AT
VENICE TO ESTABLISH AN EC WORKING GROUP ON DETENTE .
POLICY. GABLENTZ REGARDS THIS AGREEMENT AS AN IMPORTANT
STEP IN MOVING FRANCE AWAY FROM ITS GAULLIST HERITAGE ON
DEALING WITH THE EAST. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED
THAT THE FRAMEWORK FOR THIS WORKING GROUP WOULD BE:

A. AGREEMENT TO MAINTAIN EC POSITIONS ON THOSE QUESTIONS

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WHICH FALL WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE EC WHEN
MEMBERS DEAL BILATERALLY WITH THE EAST;

B. CONSULTATION ON BILATERAL APPROACHES TO THE EAST
ON SUCH TOPICS AS INTERPRETATION OF CSCE; AND

C. COORDINATION OF APPROACHES TO THE EAST ON TOPICS
WHICH GO BEYOND THOSE ADDRESSED DURING CSCE.

IN THIS CONNECTION, GISCARD HAS AGREED TO ADHERE TO EC
POSITIONS ON HIS UPCOMING VISIT TO MOSCOW.

7. CSCE AT THE UN. THE MINISTERS AGREED TO TRY TO
DEVELOP CONTINGENCY LANGUAGE FOR USE DURING THE UNGA
IF THE USSR INTRODUCES LANGUAGE ON CSCE. THIS LANGUAGE
WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A MEETING OF POLITICAL DIRECTORS
SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 23 IN NEW YORK, BUT IT IS NOT
CERTAIN IF A CONSENSUS WILL EMERGE.
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